

York County Ministers' Churches

Thanksgiving ServiceNovember 21, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. David Magruder

INTROIT

Nanette Woodworth (flute) & Tara Thomas (piano)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Joyful Thanksgiving
arranged by: Anna Laura Page

Zion Bell Choir

† HYMN

We Gather Together

UMH #131

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, in the provision for our necessities, and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’

⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as

an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

† HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH #694

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Things Bright and Beautiful
arranged by: Terry Osman

Zion Bell Choir

MESSAGE

The Rev. Seldon Walker

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offering Received will Benefit the Natasha House

† Stand as you are able

† OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #85
† HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92
† BENEDICTION *† Stand as you are able*

Please join together in the Social Hall for light refreshments and fellowship following the service.

YORK COUNTY MINISTERS' GROUP

Rev. David Magruder – Zion United Methodist Church
The Rev. Nanette Woodworth – Grace Episcopal Church
Don Freeman – Vineyard Church of the Peninsula
Rev. Walter Johnson – Zion Prospect Baptist Church
The Rev. Seldon Walker – Grace Episcopal Church
Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown – The United Methodist Church

*We want to give thanks to all of the churches who are a part of the group
but unable to attend this evening's service.*



The Natasha House

The Natasha House's mission is to provide homeless women and children with the resources and support needed to allow them to attain and sustain a self-sufficient way of life.

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